



Governor's E-Newsletter

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Aloha and Welcome from the Governor's Office in Hawai`i!

It is with pleasure that we send you this e-newsletter.

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Major Headlines

This week, Hawai`i celebrated the 44th anniversary of becoming the 50th State of the Union. To mark this momentous occasion, residents reflected on the meaning of being an American. [Read the full text of Governor Lingle's message to the people of Hawai`i.](#)

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Governor Lingle has a blood sample taken by Waimanalo Health Center's medical assistant Robert Macanas to test for diabetes and cholesterol.

Governor Lingle Gets Clean Bill of Health from Waimanalo Health Center

Governor Lingle received a clean bill of health after participating in a public screening to celebrate National Health Centers Week. The state's chief executive, who is an avid swimmer, recorded a blood pressure of 129 over 67 and a cholesterol level of 153 on a scale that lists 200 as desirable. "The Governor is in excellent health, simply excellent health," said Waimanalo Health Center's doctor of internal medicine Charman J. Akina. The Governor's check-up took place at one of Hawai`i's ten community health centers. She commended the facility staff for providing primary and preventative health care, as well as alternative medicine that incorporates Native Hawaiian and other ethnic healing practices. [Read more in the Pacific Business News.](#)



Governor Lingle, Lt. Governor Aiona (left) and state deputy adjutant general Colonel Gary Ishikawa (center) unveil artist renderings of the planned veterans home long-term care facility in East Hawai`i.

State Funding for Veterans Home Approved

Governor Lingle authorized state funding to secure a federal matching fund commitment for a 95-bed state veterans home long-term care facility, with an adult day care center, on the Hilo Medical Center campus. "This much needed state home is becoming a reality with the valuable input from our East Hawai`i community leaders, government officials, and veteran groups," said Governor Lingle. "Hawai`i was one of only three states that did not have a care home for veterans. Today is historic for Hawai`i's veterans," said Colonel Ishikawa. [Read more in the Pacific Business News.](#)



Governor Lingle and U.S. Senator Daniel Inouye (center) congratulate Anton Krucky (far right) as president and CEO of Tissue Genesis, the first company to locate near the University of Hawai`i's planned medical facility. *Photo: Joanne Luke.*

Biotech Company Invests in Hawai`i's Medical Future

Governor Lingle and U.S. Senator Daniel Inouye welcomed the \$3 million investment by biotech firm, Tissue Genesis Incorporated (TGI), as the first company to locate near the University of Hawai`i's planned \$150 million John A. Burns School of Medicine in Kakaako near downtown Honolulu. TGI expanded its office and laboratory operations to Hawai`i in order to work with the state's advanced biotechnology capabilities at Tripler Hospital. The tissue engineering company is a prime example of a successful public-private collaboration that is encouraged by Governor Lingle to position Hawai`i as focal point for world-class scientific research. [Read more in the Honolulu Advertiser.](#)





Governor Lingle takes time to "Talk Story" with seven-year-old Taylor Matsumoto during a community forum held at Farrington High School.



Governor Lingle greets attendees, including Gene Albano, before the start of a "Talk Story" forum.

Maui and Kalihi Residents "Talk Story" with Governor Lingle

Governor Lingle hosted two more "Talk Story" forums with members of the community to find out what's on the minds of Hawai'i's residents. On Maui, the Governor answered a variety of questions from an audience of more than 400 people at the Royal Lahaina Hotel. On O`ahu, the Governor discussed a wide range of concerns affecting residents of the Kalihi community and the rest of the state. The public forums are part of a series of 27 "Talk Story" sessions led by Governor Lingle and Lt. Governor Aiona. [Read more in the Maui News.](#)



Governor Lingle meets with the Farrington High School student council members, principal Catherine Payne (left of the Governor) and science teacher David Wong (right of the Governor).



Governor Lingle exchanges ideas on how to improve Hawai'i's public education system with president of the Hawaii State Teachers Association Roger Takabayashi (far left) and Leeward district resource teacher Susan Hagiwara (center). [View more photos on Governor Lingle's website.](#)



Governor Lingle addressed a business luncheon at Central Pacific Bank (CPB) for executives including (left to right) Kaiser Permanente government affairs director Chris Pablo, CPB president and CEO Clint Arnoldus, CPB senior vice president and chair of the Affiliated Chambers Council Bennette Evangelista.

Governor Lingle Addresses the Affiliated Business Community

Governor Lingle addressed 20 different ethnic and regional chambers and business organizations to encourage the shared goal of quality job creation for Hawai'i's residents. Governor Lingle highlighted the state's ability to bring in investment because of its ethnic diversity, including a Japanese consortium that is planning a cancer research center to study differences in DNA. The Governor also discussed hopes for an interisland ferry system, which is being developed by a private business, Hawaii Superferry. "My administration is doing everything it can to attract investment to the state in a wide range of industries," said Governor Lingle. "The most important thing we have done is to change the regulatory process so that more licensing and registration functions are online. This means businesses and professionals no longer have to visit a number of state offices to get permits." [Read more in the Honolulu Star-Bulletin.](#)

In the News

"A Jewish Woman in the Governor's Mansion" by Peter L. Rothholz, National Jewish News, July 2003. The story about the Governor of Hawai'i tells the journey of one Jewish family from a Polish *shtetlet* to the state capitol in Honolulu. [View the article in Adobe Acrobat .PDF format.](#)

Key Upcoming Events

Governor Lingle and Lt. Governor Aiona will "Talk Story" in a community near you. [View the complete schedule in Adobe Acrobat .PDF format.](#)

August 16 Governor Lingle will announce the release of Capital Improvement Project funds for public schools. Students, teachers and families will enjoy tours and refreshments at Washington Place, 10:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

August 20 Governor Lingle will "Talk Story" with Central O`ahu residents to describe what the administration is doing in the community as well as listen to their concerns at Mililani High School cafeteria, 5:30-8:00 p.m.

August 22 Governor Lingle will welcome the board of directors of the American Society of Association Executives.

August 24 Governor Lingle will address delegates of the American Society of Association Executives convention.

Quote of the Week: "The United States of America is a great nation because of the principles of which this country is built, and because so many men and women have sacrificed so much to defend our way of life." -- **Governor Lingle**, in her message on Statehood Day.